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from the editor's desk

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Prexy Proves
Spring Tonic Works

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Not a Goldfisher
At Hamilton College

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Noontime yesterday, with its balmy breezes and sunshine, showed us that spring is really here. The "campus canines" snoozed peacefully in the warmth, the front lawns of the dormitories bloomed with the first real showing of the amateur baseball teams, and Red snored lustily in his mail-wagon. Prexy was so affected by it all that he tore off a couple of games of Ping Pong on the Chipsi's front porch.

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Just what is the matter with Hill collegians? We haven't heard of a single goldfisher gulper, record nibbler, worm swallower, or co-ed osculator. Having no co-eds, the absence of the last mentioned creature can be understood. We understand that some young biologist applied a slide rule to figure out that the average stomach can hold 356 goldfish. Goldfish, fiddlesticks! Our prize for all time in this remarkable field of endeavor goes to that undergraduate at Ohio University who swallowed five live white mice. He claims that he wrapped them in lettuce, and bingo—down they went without any trouble.

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The small worm of rumor has crawled quite effectively around the campus, leaving behind it stories on the trustee discussion of the "liquor problem" at Hamilton. Said worm left many conflicting statements, and we would like to know exactly what did go on. It doesn't seem fair that all the facts in the case should be bottled up. See Life's editorial this week for a discussion of the matter.

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Wishing to look up some fact or other last Friday, we wandered into MISTER Main's office and asked for a copy of the latest Alumni Review. Water Main, engrossed in the task of filling out his New York State Income Tax Report, grunted and handed us a copy of the Gaboon. We objected to this, and after five minutes, the press maniac caught on. Gaboon, indeed. The reason for this action may lie in the effect last week-end had on Eddie. It seems that he and his date wound up before a Syracuse Police Court judge in the wee small hours of Sunday morning. What doing? Explaining.

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The latest copy of the Skidmore News has just arrived, and in our breathless perusal of its excitement-crammed pages, we ran across the farewell editorial of this year's editors. Their words to next year's staff are as follows: "We have had our trials and tribulations what with late issues, cut articles, bum editorials, false news, and other such trivia. And we are hoping that you will do a better job with these details next year. We hope that you have the fun

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Life Staff Competition Ends with Current Issue

With this issue is completed the period of competition for managerial, reportorial, and business staffs of **Hamilton Life.**

Each issue for the past four weeks has been edited by one of the junior members of the staff in competition for next year's editorship. Each week the seven freshmen and twelve sophomores who have been competing for positions on the reportorial staff have been assigned various types of articles in an effort to single out those with the most general ability.

Downfall of Czechoslovakia Pictured Vividly by Hindus

Last-Minute Desertion By Allies Ruined Czechs' Chance

Britain Is Scored

United States Should Help With War Materials, Not With Men

Before a capacity crowd in the Hamilton College Chapel last Friday evening, Maurice Hindus, noted author and journalist, told with emotion how he saw the name of Czechoslovakia wiped clean from the map of Europe.

He described the Munich Agreement as a meeting of diplomats swapping principles and people in a wanton and thievish fashion, and called the signers the "four gangsters of Europe, who never thought of people, only of power politics."

Hindus warned that a European war is inevitable, and that America cannot and will not remain indifferent to it. "Americ a should help with war materials," he said, "but not with man power, or it will have to suppress the revolutions which will come as a result of the war. Once in Europe, America won't be able to leave it for a long time. If there is war in Europe, Hitler won't win it, Mussolini won't win it, Chamberlain won't win it, but Stalin will win it."

"The Executioner"

When Hindus spoke about England's Prime Minister, bitterness crept into his tone, as he told how Chamberlain, the "executioner", gave Czechoslovakia to Hitler, using the poor excuse of unpreparedness.

"Chamberlain broke as many promises as Hitler," he continued, "while Cechoslovakia was true to her supposed allies until the last moment, even rejecting a treaty with Hitler which might have saved her from complete destruction."

"At two o'clock on the morning of September 21," Hindus narrated, "two automobiles carrying British and French ministers drove up the main street of Prague to President Benes' castle, and demanded that he be awakened. They then told him that the British and French cabinets had decided that the Sudetenland should go to Germany. Benes hurriedly called his cabinet together, but this last minute desertion by their allies left them in a helpless state, forcing them to give in to Hitler's demands."

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Invitations Sent To Sub-Freshmen

Cowley, Hilfinger, Couper To Speak at College Dinner May 13

Speakers for the all-college dinner to be held on May 13, which will be highlight of sub-freshman week-end, were announced Monday by William E. Weld, '37, chairman of the affair. President W. H. Cowley will speak for the college, Edgar W. Couper, '21, for the alumni, and Martin Hilfinger, '39, for the undergraduate body. Mr. Couper is a member of the Board of Trustees.

Letters giving information about the proposed week-end were sent yesterday from Mr. Weld's office to four different groups, alumni connected with secondary schools, headmasters and principals of preparatory and secondary schools, and alumni in general. All were informed about the week-end activities and were asked to invite sub-freshmen to the Hill for the occasion. Prospective candidates for the Class of 1943 who have written to the Registrar for information about Hamilton were also sent invitations.

Features of the week-end, in addition to the all-college banquet, include a baseball game with R. P. I. on Saturday afternoon, the inter-class and interfraternity sing, and a tour of the campus for the sub-frosh. The prospective Hamilton men will attend chapel Sunday morning, eat dinner at the various fraternity houses, and then depart for their homes during the afternoon. In the event of rain, a tea will take the place of the baseball game. It will be held in Alpha Delta Phi Hall.

Upperclass Math Majors Instruct Trig Classes

Three upperclass math majors have taken over the freshman trigonometry classes of Prof. H. S. Brown, who is confined to his home by illness. William C. Bornmann, '39, teaches the "f" hour class, Herbert S. Long, '39, is the instructor of "h" hour students, while Harry J. Kolb, '40, has the "b" hour freshmen.

Prof. Brown's Mathematics 4 class will be taught until his return by Dr. Stephen W. Nile of the physics department.

Hamilton Life wishes Prof. Brown a speedy recovery from his illness, and an early return to the classroom.

Publications' Heads To Be Announced Monday Night

The annual publications dinner, sponsored by Pi Delta Epsilon, will be held this coming Monday evening at seven o'clock. All competitors and staff members of the various Hill publications are to be present at the dinner, after which the editors and business managers of next year's staffs will be announced.

Invitations to the event have been sent to Messrs. Cowley, Ristine, Coughlin, Mineka, Johnston, Nesbitt, Sloane, and Main, all of whom are either members of the publications board or of Pi Delta Epsilon.

The dinner will be held at Dibble's Inn, which is situated about one half mile north of Vernon on the Syracuse Road.

Seniors Teach For Experience

Twenty-one Hamilton College seniors have virtually completed their practice teaching to obtain New York State Teachers Certificates, and will soon be seeking jobs in high schools of the state. The group of prospective schoolmasters has studied under Professor John W. Blyth in his course, "Methods of Education". They represent about twenty-two percent of the entire graduating class on the Hill.

The program of teacher training includes observation and practice teaching, preparing lectures and lessons, conferences with teachers and principals, written reports, and parallel work in textbooks and references. After completing the practice work on about April 28, the future teachers will present their qualifications to high school principals and superintendents, of whom forty-eight in New York State are Hamilton alumni.

The 1939 crop of new teachers at Hamilton is prepared for five specific fields. Nine are ready to teach in Natural Sciences, five in English, four in French, two in Mathematics, and one in Social Science.

The chief problem of the candidates, says Prof. Blyth, is that of reducing to lowest terms the material for high school consumption. This year the group is apparently succeeding in the task of explaining complex subjects in terms which high school students can easily grasp.

Intelligence Tests To Be Held May 2

Afternoon classes on May 2 and 3 will be suspended in order that the entire undergraduate body may take intelligence tests prepared by the Carnegie Foundation and the American Council on Education.

Hamilton College is one of the three institutions of higher learning in the United States which has been chosen by the Carnegie Foundation to serve as a control in their study of prominent graduate schools. The investigation is primarily to observe the relative abilities of graduate students from 453 colleges and universities in the United States. Typical college seniors will be compared with graduate students. Thus, the Carnegie Foundation test will be administered only to members of the Class of 1939. In order to collect other pertinent information, the faculty has decided that the other three classes should be given tests prepared by the Council.

Since complete data is needed, every undergraduate must take the test at the time indicated. Seniors failing to meet the appointment will not be permitted to graduate, and others who are absent will receive no credit for the semester's work.

Beard Asks for U. S. Neutrality

Famous Historian Mentions American Stupidity In War Times

Dubbing Americans as stupid in European affairs, Dr. Charles A. Beard, noted historian, called for neutrality on the part of the United States in the coming conflict abroad in his chapel lecture last night.

The opening part of Dr. Beard's lecture, the last in the current series, was devoted to a clarification of the principles of neutrality. Citing Washington and Wilson, he defined neutrality not only as non-participation in war, but abstinence by the government from all acts of hostility by either belligerent. "Nor should," he declared, "the neutrality laws be changed to the disadvantage of any power after the war has started."

One of the highlights of Dr. Beard's speech was his repudiation of the theory that the President should control foreign affairs. Calling this theory "fanciful", he surveyed the provisions of the Constitution in regard to foreign affairs, and emphasized the fact that the Senate shares in all the essential powers in relation to foreign affairs.

Ban on Loans

The speaker interested his audience especially by his intimate account of the backstairs maneuvering, which resulted in the removal of Bryan's ban on loans to the Allies during the World War. Through these loans, the Allies got Wilson "in the palm of their hand," and were able to ignore his protests over violations to our ships. These revelations, partly brought to light by the Nye Munitions Committee, were the principal reason for the passage of the first neutrality act in 1935.

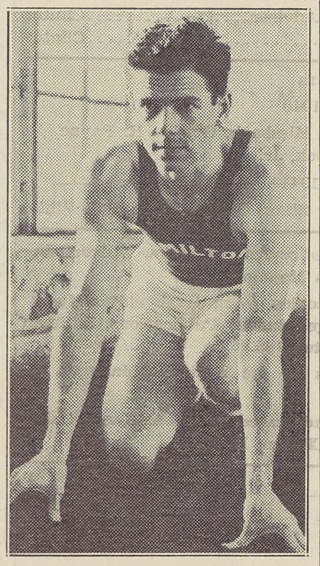
Dr. Beard concluded his address with an assault on the idea of collective security. He criticised it as impossible of attainment because of the spiritual makeup of men and the economic arrangement of the world. Citing the wars and disputes before the Great War, the speaker repudiated the idea of an enduring peace. Instead of this theory, he declared, America ought to be neutral and save America first.

The speaker was introduced by Dr. M. L. Bonham, Jr., who studied under him at Columbia University. Following the lecture, a reception and question period was held at Alpha Delta Phi Hall.

Dr. Beard's lecture concluded the series for the current season. Among the noted personages who appeared here during the winter were: Alexander Woollcott, T. V. Smith, and Irwin Edman.

Board of Trustees Meets, Awards Root Fellowship

Root Fellow



William G. Tice, '39

G. F. Gentes Is Elected To Succeed Rogers As Treasurer

Tice Root Fellow

Gets Coveted Science Prize For Outstanding Work In Geology Field

The election of George F. Gentes, '06, as college treasurer, and the awarding of the Root Fellowship in Science to William G. Tice, '39, featured the annual spring meeting of the Board of Trustees held last Saturday. All but eight of Hamilton's twenty-seven trustees were in attendance.

Friday's regular chapel was changed to Saturday morning at 9:00 in order that the trustees might attend the exercises. To avoid a conflict with regularly scheduled classes, first hour on Saturday was advanced to 8:00, with the rest of the classes being held at the normal hours.

Gentes Succeeds Rogers

Mr. Gentes was chosen to succeed the late Charles B. Rogers, '87, as college treasurer. He is vice-president of the Irving Trust Company of New York, and has been a trustee since 1937. He is a native of Brooklyn, and a resident of Ardsley-on-Hudson. He was graduated with honors, receiving the B.S. degree and election to Phi Beta Kappa. He is affiliated with the Chi Psi fraternity. After graduation, Mr. Gentes entered upon a business career, and at the same time completed a course in the New York Law School. During the World War he was assigned for training at the Field Artillery Central Officers' Training School, Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky. He is married and has one son.

The chief duty of Mr. Gentes as college treasurer is the general supervision of the finances of the college, mainly in respect to the investment of securities. He is not concerned with the routine financial matters which are handled by the Bursar.

Tice Is Root Fellow

The forty-fifth annual Root Fellowship in Science was awarded to Tice on the basis of "unusual proficiency" in geological study and research. Tice, whose interest in geology began as a hobby years ago, plans to enroll next year at Columbia University's graduate school of geology in New York. He expects to make the study and application of geology his life work. Tice is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, captain of the track team, member of the Publication Board, and Senior Advisory Committee, and secretary-treasurer of his class. He is affiliated with Chi Psi fraternity.

A plan for the general revision and modernization of methods of awarding non-competitive scholarships was also discussed and adopted at the meeting.

Seven Men Make Phi Beta Kappa

The Phi Beta Kappa Society of Hamilton College recently announced the names of seven seniors who have been elected to membership. These men were chosen for their all-around ability as well as for their classroom excellence.

Robert Dorus Bascom, of Utica, is one of the Squires' representatives on the Interfraternity Council. He is a member of the German Club, and sings in the Choir.

John Robert Carter, of Kenmore, started his college career with sucess by winning the McKinny Prize Declamation. He is now president of the Biology Club, and a member of the Musical Art Society.

Martin Foster Hilfinger, Syracuse, is one of those unusual men who are able to combine athletics and studies. Since his entrance into Hamilton, Hilfinger has been a leader of his class. For four years he has been the backbone of the football and baseball teams.

William Kirk, Jr., of Penns Grove, N. J., is another who has kept his interests well diversified. For four years he has played baseball and at the same time, has been soloist with the Choir. He was elected president of the German Club this year. He is also a member of the newly-formed octet, and the College Band.

Charles Wesley Schultz, of Baldwin; James Hart Morgan, of Ossining; and Robert A. Richards,

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Wanted: A Valid Theory For That Fish Mystery

Yes, it's a real, honest-to-goodness fish, and if you don't believe this statement, have one of the residents of South College point it out to you. This dried-up aquatic organism, which has been the object of much speculation during the past week, is suspended from a twig high in one of the trees in front of the dormitory. And nobody on the campus can prove just how the fish acquired it's present perch so far from a body of water.

In order to obtain some likely scientific explanations, your reporter interviewed several undergraduates. Some of the comments unearthed seemed to be good working hypotheses on which to build a correct account of how the fish landed in the tree.

An undergraduate interested in geology gave this explanation of the phenomenon: "Undoubtedly Hamilton College was under water once upon a time, and the fish was probably an unlucky victim of circumstance when the waters receded." Another student, after looking gloomily out of the window, casually stated, "The poor fish probably swam up there during one of these very heavy Clinton fogs."

Others questioned were of the opinion that some inebriate. while passing through Clinton, accidentally dropped a quart of gin into the Oriskany, and this particular fish happened to meet up with the bottle. And then, as things went from bad to worse, the fish followed the merry-maker up the hill via the gutter. Upon trying to high jump into a room in South, the fish miscalculated and wound up in the tree.

If you are not satisfied by any of these speculations, try one of your own. Should you reach any conclusion, let's hear it.

Detective, Hobby Books Popular Among Readers

Your reporter, curious about the literary tastes of Hamilton students and faculty, made a trip to the library the other day to look over the recent circulation. He found out that the Hamilton family has a variety of tastes in reading.

Detective and mystery books have a large circulation especially amongst faculty members. At least ten professors find pleasure in "Sherlock Holmes" and other tales of mystery.

Hobby books are in great demand with the average library patron. Although radio and photography titles are the most popular of these books, those dealing with skiing, tennis, and golf also interest many readers.

Such authors as Horace, Homer, Shakespeare, and De Musset continue to attract many readers; among the modern writers, Eugene O'Neil, Edna Ferber, Sinclair Lewis, and Robert Benchley have many followers. One freshman likes Benchley so much that the only books he has taken from the library are four by this humorist.

The importance of Hitler in European affairs has created an interest in books about him. The most popular of these is the English translation of his autobiography, "Mein Kampf". "The House That Hitler Built", "I Saw Hitler!", "Why Nazi?" and "I Was Hitler's Prisoner" are favorites with students of European affairs.

Freshmen borrow unusual books. One, probably aspiring to become a great general, has withdrawn seven books on military affairs. Another, eager to learn languages not taught at Hamilton, has started to study Russian with the help of grammars, dictionaries, and readers borrowed from the library.

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Cowley Announces Gifts For 1940 Lecture Fund

President W. H. Cowley announced in chapel this morning that two trustees had voluntarily contributed $200, to be used to supplement the lecture fund. This will assure the continuance of the practice started this year of bringing before Hill audiences well-known lecturers. The turnout at the lectures this season was very gratifying, according to President Cowley.

Capacity audiences turned out to hear Dr. Charles A. Beard last night, Maurice Hindus on April 14, and Alexander Woollcott earlier in the season.

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COLLEGE PROHIBITION

Recent events have focused the attention of the entire college community on the liquor situation at Hamilton. It has been, and is still being discussed by the Trustees, faculty members, and undergraduates, and it therefore seems wise to consider here the numerous aspects of the question.

Prohibition was tried on a national scale and was found wanting. It is now in force on College Hill and is not one whit more successful than was the nation's "noble experiment." In Article V, Section 1 of the Administrative Rules we find the following statement: ". . . the bringing of liquor to or receiving it on college premises, and the possession or use of it there will be counted a serious offense against college discipline." Beer is understood to be included in this rule. In spite of this fact, every fraternity house on the Hill has in the past few years given parties at which beer has been served, and many of the faculty members have served beer regularly when they entertained undergraduates. It seems obvious, therefore, that the narrow and outmoded administrative rule governing drinking must be modified. The question is not one of forbidding drinking on the campus, for such a rule is not only undesirable but also impossible of enforcement. What must be done is to permit moderate, gentlemanly use of alcoholic beverages under some plan of control similar to those now in force at Harvard, Williams, Cornell, St. Lawrence, and nearly every other college and university in the country.

Most of the men in Hamilton College come from homes where a moderate use of alcohol is permitted, and the vast majority of them know how to drink like gentlemen. There should be no toleration of those who do not, and when a new college rule is formulated, the full force of college disciplinary action and of public opinion should be thrown against those guilty in any degree of disorderly conduct.

Aside from the mere fact that it is impossible to prevent drinking on the Hill, there are many real reasons for permitting it. No one can deny that it is far better to drink at "home", in decent, congenial surroundings, than in any of the local taverns. In a road house or barroom atmosphere, there are many undesirable elements which would be completely eliminated from college life if the present prohibition law were repealed. In an ordinary bar, no especial stigma is attached to a man when he becomes objectionable, where public opinion would certainly not approve of such conduct on college premises. The undesirable people whom it is often impossible to avoid in a public place would not be present on the Hill, and, most important of all, there would be no mixture of drinking and driving. It is a known fact that as little as one cocktail or two glasses of beer have a marked effect on the reflexes of a driver. No one will deny the statement that "alcohol and gasoline don't mix."

It is not to be expected that undergraduates will completely refrain from visiting local taverns in the event that a new and more liberal regulation in regard to drinking is passed. There can be no doubt, however, that the number journeying away from the Hill to such places will be substantially reduced, and that even the men who persist in leaving the Hill will do so less frequently than has been their custom.

The new Student Council will be announced this Friday, and it is to be hoped that it, as well as the individual fraternities, will give the matter careful thought, so that when and if a change is made in the present rule, the undergraduates will be able to justify the belief of the Trustees and the administration that they can be treated as grown men instead of as prep school boys.

Alumni Notes

By Professor Edward Fitch

Harry Esty Dounce, '10, is one of the editors of Liberty Magazine.

Three members of the class of 1912 appeared on the program of the thirtieth annual meeting of the Eastern Pubic Speaking Conference, held at Syracuse University on April 14-15. Professor Harold W. Thompson spoke on "Folklore as a Background for Play-Making"; Professor Willard B. Marsh addressed the adult education group on "Education for Business Folk", and Robert W. Drummond spoke on "The Taxpayer Looks at our Public Schools".

Mrs. Evelyn Ryan Beuton, daughter of Mrs. Charles Gaston Ryan, was married on December 19, 1938, at Grand Island, Nebraska, to Dr. Willard B. Pope, '25, of the University of Vermont.

Professor Harold C. Bohn, '26, of the English and drama departments of Montclair State Teachers College, has been appointed as the judge of original plays submitted in a state-wide contest sponsored by the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs. He is also lecturing extensively throughout the state on subjects pertaining to the theatre.

A daughter, Georgia Skidmore, was born on March first to George T. Bowers, '27, and Mrs. Bowers of Rome.

Dr. Seymour W. Pitcher, '28, of the department of English in the State University of Iowa, contributed to the April number of the American Journal of Philology an article on the "Flowers" of Agathon, a Greek play no longer extant, but mentioned as something distinctive by Aristotle in "The Poetics".

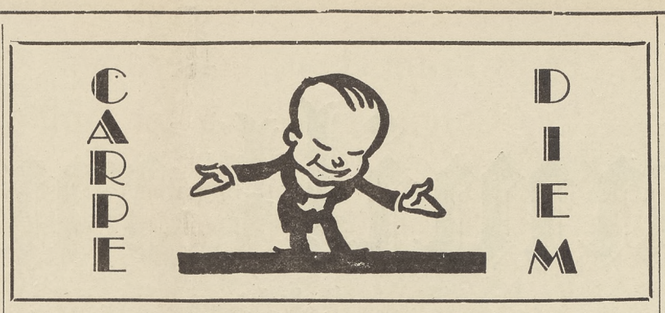
David E. Hunn, M.D., '29, and Miss Janet Lohnes Walker were married in Troy on April 10. Mrs. Hunn is a graduate of Russell Sage College. Dr. Hunn, who pursued his graduate studies at Harvard, Columbia, and the Presbyterian Medical Center, is practicing in Troy. Among the ushers at the wedding was Addison H. Hallock, '27.

William Pierrepont White, Jr., '33, and Miss Susan Daniels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Platt Daniels, of Forest Hills Gardens, L. I., were married April 15 in the chapel of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York City. The couple will make their home on Crow Hill, Clinton. The ushers at the wedding were: Ralph Rogers, '32; Frederick T. Keeler, '33; Harold W. Symonds, Jr., '33; William H. Areson, Jr., '34; William R. Conklin, '34; William Be. Westcott, Jr., '36; also John L. Daniels, brother of the bride.

Daniel G. Kennedy, '34, graduate of the Harvard Law School in 1937, has recently been admitted to the bar. He has been serving a clerkship with Hubbell, Taylor, Goodwin, Nixon, and Hargraves, and plans to continue with that firm.

Miss Carol Lois Von Storch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Von Storch of Yonkers, was married on April 12 to Dr. Harvey Gardner Kettell, Jr., '34, of Rochester. Dr. Kettell received his degree in dentistry from the University of Michigan. Mrs. Kittell is a graduate of Crane College of Music in Potsdam.

Harold E. Fowler, '38, in April received a temporary appointment as librarian of the Cooperstown library. Fowler was the captain and leading pitcher of last year's baseball team.



During the recent Chipsie reception held for Maurice Hindus, Freddie "Barrell-Belly" Chappell got a bit thirsty and tip-toed into the kitchen for a shot of milk. Upon arriving in said room, what was the gentleman's surprise to encounter Alec Woollcott and Prexy. So startled was Chappell that he retreated to his room for the rest of the evening. Consolation was of no avail. Even a quart of milk offered free of charge by the brothers failed to produce the usual reaction.

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Now that the new College Treasurer turns out to be a Chi Psi, the boys in all likelihood will receive a new Lodge; it's lucky he didn't turn out to be a Deke, as there would have been grave doubts of that crowd's even having a house at the end of two years if such had been the case.

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As the Governor of South Carolina said to the Governor of North Carolina, "It's a long time between drinks", and the "Little Nase" knows why.

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The Dekes no longer jump with Hap
Nor do it up with radical chap,
But jump instead with Chinese Checkers,
While munching on their double-deckers.

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Here are some signs of that approaching phenomenon, Spring:

(1) The Underwood Twins waddling around the Sage Building track to the tune of, "One, two, three...ugh; one, two, three...ugh."

(2) Warm snow and cold rain.

(3) Pete Hatch seen walking across the campus, cleaning his blackened nails with a blacker match-stick.

(4) The Charlatans finally barging into a new play.

(5) Mr. DeVito and the rest of his commuting brethern actually down to one shirt...and that one not the characteristic brown. And pretty soon the man who buys all your old clothes will be here, and the eternal "It's no good witout de west" and "I Kin exuelly see daylide troo dem pents" will be echoing in our ears.

Weather Keeps Frosh Teams in Sage Building

Neither the freshman track team nor the freshman baseball nine have been able to practice out-of-doors as yet due to inclement weather. The track men have been going through their paces in the Sage Building for over a month now. They hope to get in some outdoor work before the end of the week. The frosh will participate in the interclass meet scheduled for April 27-28.

Eight prospective frosh battery men have been working out in the gym under the direction of Baseball Coach Mox Weber during the past couple of weeks. Candidates for other positions have not as yet been in uniform, but the call will be issued when the weather permits outdoor practices. Thus far the yearling nine has two contests scheduled. The first is against Morrisville on May 20, and the other against the Central City Business Institute on May 27.

FORUM

To the Editor of Hamilton Iife:

One of the many things which have always bothered me at Hamilton College is the way in which the Executive Council conducts its meetings. The meetings spasmodic and ineffectual as they are, do not get anything done. The proposals are railroaded through by introducing them in a few minutes after Chapel, when half the students don't hear what's going on, and the other half don't care. For better student government, I propose that these meetings be held at four-thirty in the afternoon, when there is sufficient time for complete discussion of the proposals that are brought before the student body.

Respectfully,
Hoyland A. Wands.

Squires to Hold Dance Houseparty Week-End

Definite plans for a dance on Saturday night, May 6, are being made by the executive committee of the Squires Club. The dance will be held in the Hall of Commons. This particular week-end was selected to conform with the date of fraternity houseparties on the Hill.

Robert L. Lewis, '40, president of the Squires and chairman of the dance, stated that the committee had not decided as yet whether they will have an orchestra or use the newly acquired radio-phonograph. An inquiry is also being made to see if the Squires may possibly have dates for the entire week-end. An announcement of further plans will appear in a subsequent issue of **Life.**

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Amendment for Shift In Managerial System To Be Voted On Soon

Plan That Is Proposed Would Offer Additional Inducement to Scrub Managers

In addition to the other sections of the new Student Council plan which have recently been printed in **Hamilton Life**, the Executive Council has drawn up an amendment to the constitution of the General Association, providing for a general renovation of the managerial system.

The amendment, which will be voted on in the near future, specifies the number of managers for each sport, provides for the election of managers and assistant managers, lays down rules for competitors, and makes provisions for managerial awards. In the election of managers, the Executive Council, by preferential ballot, will vote for managers of varsity and freshman sports. In the sports in which there are no freshman teams, only varsity managers will be elected.

For football manager, the man receiving first place on the ballot will become manager, while the man receiving the second highest number of votes will have his choice of becoming manager of golf or of freshman football. The third ranking man will be awarded the remaining football managership.

Election of assistant managers will take place after a preferential recommendation has been made to the Executive Council by the varsity manager, the freshman manager, and the captain and coach, or coaches, of the sport. The recommendation will contain the names of all the men competing for the assistant managerships of the sport.

Varsity letters and sweaters will be awarded the incoming managers at the time the spring sport awards are made, while varsity numerals will be awarded at the end of the season to all competing sophomores who complete their season of competition in a successful manner.

Since the present managerial system has not, in the estimation of the members of the Executive Council, served to stir up sufficient interest amongst the student body, this plan has been submitted for approval, disapproval, criticisms, or constructive ideas. The Executive Council has requested that any criticisms or suggestions be left at the athletic office in the gymnasium or given to Marty Hilfinger. The amendment is now posted on all the bulletin boards around college.

Sport Notes

By W. J. Roider, '39

Tuesday officially opened the baseball season for the big league teams, and since this is as good a place as any, we're crawling out of our shell to predict how the season's closing games will find 'em all ranked. If we're wrong, we won't be around in the fall to hear any of you say 'I told you so', and if anyone disagrees with us at this early stage of the game... well, they've a right to their opinions, and so have we. Here's how we see it:

Nat'l. League	Amer. League
1—New York	1—New York
2—Cincinnati	2—Boston
3—Pittsburgh	3—Cleveland
4—Chicago	4—Detroit
5—St. Louis	5—Washington
6—Brooklyn	6—St. Louis
7—Boston	7—Chicago
8—Philadelphia	8—Philadelphia

In other words, we're putting the two New York teams at the top, and the Philadelphia teams at the bottom. The rest of the squads can fight it out in the scramble for the places in between.

Here's our big "if" for the above selection. We wouldn't be at all surprised if the Yankees were nosed out of first place in the American Loop. Boston might have a big spurt, some of the New York team's key members might go in slump or get injured, Cleveland's mighty power may offset their pitching weaknesses—in fact, anything may happen to one other team in the junior league, which coupled with an unfortunate incident among the Yankees, would lead to the latter team's defeat in the pennant race. It's just a hunch, for we admit that right now the Yankees seem to be unbeatable, the class of both leagues.

You've probably expressed your disgust already at our choice of the Giants to cop the National League race. That's all right with us—pick your own team—we've been Giant supporters for the last ten years, and it's mighty hard to count them out this summer. And being Giant supporters, naturally we can't see anything but a low place in the second division for the Dodgers, in spite of their apparently new-found batting punch.

Count Chicago out this year, friends. The Cubs were lucky last year, and will be even more lucky of they get above fourth place this year. Pittsburgh still lacks the pitching stuff to finish first, but St. Louis is a big question. They can finish anywhere from first to seventh. Paul Dean's comeback will aid them greatly, but we think they'll come in fifth.

Cincinnati is the team to give the Giants the big run. But they're weak around second base, and a double-play combination is important to a pennant winning team. Their great staff of pitchers and the heavy bat of Lombardi, McCormick, and Berger may pull them into the top spot.

Here's a tip for you. Watch Ken "Lefty" Chase, Washington twirler, this season. We've a message (straight from Bucky Harris) that Ken's in for a big year. Bob Feller's another who is due for a large number of wins in our estimation. And our prediction for the big flop of the 1939 season is none other than No-Hit Johnny Vandermeer, with Fred Hutchinson, Detroit's high paid rookie hurler, running him a close race. Mauel Salva, Giant pitcher, and Woody Rich, starting his big league career with the Red Sox, are our selections for the leading rookie pitchers of the year, while Tony Makosky, Detroit's new outfielder, is our choice to be the leading rookie hitter.

Hill Tennis Team To Face Colgate

Practice Match with Utica Netmen Results in Loss For Continentals, 4-0

With the first scheduled match against Colgate only a week away, the Hamilton College tennis team has had only one real opportunity to test its strength. That chance came in doubles matches played last Saturday against the Utica Club's overwhelming opposition which coasted to a 4-0 victory.

But even though the Hill netmen who participated were defeated, the play was beneficial both as practice and as an indication of the ability of the various team candidates. All of the men showed up well and proved that, with a little more practice, this year's team would go places. The players who participated in last Saturday's match were Captain Erickson, Male, Warfield, Harder, Bate, Phelps, Pugsley, MacLenathen, and Abbey. These men have not definitely been chosen to fill the varsity berths, but played merely because of the ability and interest that they have demonstrated so far this season. It is hoped that good weather conditions will bring out some additional men of known skill who have not as yet made an appearance.

Return matches with the Utica Club are being planned and Hill squad members have been given permission to practice on their courts. This arrangement is a fortunate one, for under present conditions the Hamilton courts will not be in condition for some time, and the Colgate squad, against whom the Continentals will play their first match has been practicing on macadam courts for a number of weeks.

Four Letter Men Return for Golf

Syracuse Invitation Contest To Be Hamilton's First Golf Encounter

Although the first meet is not far off, the Hamilton College golf team has not as yet been able to practice out-of-doors. The weather has been poor ever since the season started immediately after Spring vacation, and as a result, Coach Prettyman has had the candidates working out in the Sage Building.

Only four letter men will return this year. These are Captain John Giffin, Tom Bush, Walt Rogers, and Harry Gilmore. Two more men are needed to fill out the squad. Among the candidates trying out are Stewart Russell, Larry Miller, Ham Gouge, Don Wrensch, Al Hook, Charlie Gleason, and Art Robinson. Of these, Russell, Miller, and Gouge are most likely to see service during the season. The two positions are still wide open, and anyone might step into them. Undoubtedly other men will come out later, some of whom might prove to be likely candidates.

The first meet is an invitational one to be played at Syracuse. Some of the teams already invited to participate are Hobart, Rochester, Hamilton, Colgate, St. Bonaventure, St. Lawrence, and Syracuse.

Albany Baseball Game Postponed

With the Albany State game postponed until May 17, the Hill diamond forces open the season by traveling to Pennsylvania on the week-end of April 28-29. On this trip they will meet Haverford and Swarthmore, who by that time will both have played at least six contests.

According to Coach Weber, the weather this spring is the worst he has experienced in his twelve years here. Although the infield has not always been in good condition by this time, the squad has been able to hold batting drills, using the outfield sector of the diamond. So far this spring the squad has been out on the field just twice. Because of this forced inactivity, Coach Weber has not been able to test his prospective pitchers under fire; consequently he still knows nothing definite as to who will be his choice to carry the bulk of the hurling chores against collegiate opposition. Picking a third baseman is a secondary problem confronting the coach. Fred Cunningham and Bill Joy are the leading candidates, with Walter Roider a possibility should they fail to produce. Roider played regularly at second base and in the outfield last season and was one of the squad's leading hitters.

PLATTER PATTER

By R. S. W.

One of the surprises of the current year has been the rise of Charlie Barnet's orchestra from a second-rate outfit to one of the most popular swing bands in the East. Much credit for this rise must be given to the rhythm section, which now lends the always competent brasses the solid background which the band lacked. Barnet is recording for Bluebird, and two of his better releases have been the pairing of "I Wouldn't Give That For Love" with "Where Can She Be?", and "Swing Street Strut" with "Jump Session". The former coupling is from the Yale Dramatic Show, "Here We Are Again" and both are sung by Judy Ellington. Of the latter two, the A was cleffed by Barnet and is the better of the pair.

Two more Shawfire hits waxed by the King of the Clarinet, "Rose Room" and "Alone Together", find Artie well in the groove. "Rose Room", by the way, may be heard, among other oldies, in the new Astaire-Rogers picture, "The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle". Shaw's revival of Cole Porter's "Begin the Beguine" has been responsible for many new arrangements of that number. One of the best of these is by Mildred Bailey's orchestra. The reverse is also a revival, this time of "I Cried For You".

A song with a title appropriate to Clinton weather is "How I'd Like to be With You In Bermuda". Easter lillies and smooth saxaphone effects are added by Glenn Miller in his version for Bluebird, which is backed by "Shut Eye".

Few orchestras can compete with Al Donohue when it comes to smooth, danceable music. Donohue has been around for a long time, always near the top. Representative arrangements are "Deep Purple" and "We Speak of You Often".

Ted Koehler and Rube Bloom have written a brilliant score for the "World's Fair Edition of the Cotton Club Revue". Neither "What Goes Up Must Come Down" nor "Don't Worry About Me" will attain popularity of "Stormy Weather" proportions, but both are pleasing as suavely swung by Les Brown and his Duke Blue Devils.

Ex-Hamilton Frosh Edits Camden Paper

John Davies, formerly of the class of '42, published last week the first issue of the Camden Chronicle of which he is the editor.

Davies is publishing the paper in Utica in collaboration with two high school students. He expects a weekly circulation of 1,400 copies.

Transferring from the University of Albama, Davies entered the class of '42 at Hamilton, but he left after a few weeks of illness.

Track Team Practices Indoors; New Men Tryout For Positions

Although still forced to practice in the Sage Building because of inclement weather, the track team hopes to get outdoors by the end of this week. The first meet of the season is with R. P. I. on May 6. It will be held on Steuben Field, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Interclass competition is scheduled for April 27 and 28, at which time Coach Arthur R. Winters will get a good idea of prospects for this season's team.

George Day and Fred Chappell, both juniors, are trying out for the half-mile. Sprinters include Dave Tomlinson, '40, and Maurice Clifford, '41. Bob Lewis and Murray Shepp, both juniors, have reported for the distance run, while George Thompson and Tom Bushnell, '41, are likely candidates for the high jump. Coach Winters has been trying Joe Cardamone, '40, and Alex Rutherford, '41, as pole vaulters. Bruce Sisson, '40, is also being tried at the hurdles in order to bolster that division. Leading candidates for the weight events are George Nevin and Dick Griffith, '40.

To date four intercollegiate meets have been scheduled. On May 13 the Buff and Blue meet Union at Schenectady. Colgate is the opponent on May 20, while on May 27 the Hillmen conclude the season by meeting Rochester at the latter's track.

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Candidates for Chemistry Position Are Interviewed

The hunt for a chemistry professor to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Dr. A. P. Saunders next June, is still in full swing, according to President William H. Cowley, returned recently from Chicago, where he interviewed several possibilities for the job. A few weeks ago, Drs. Cowley and Saunders attended a convention of 4,000 chemists in Baltimore. "We interviewed almost all of them," stated Dr. Saunders, "the ideal man for the job must be able not only to teach chemistry but also to mingle well with professors and students and take an active interest in the affairs of the college."

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EDITOR'S DESK—

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we have had with bull sessions in the NEWS office, run-ins with the administration, filling up forty inches of space Tuesday nights, and hounding people for articles. We hope you remain pure and unsullied; that you do not acquire rude expressions and epithets in a mad and fruitless search for scoops....(On and on, with this ending)....Bless you, every one." Bless you, my dears, that was lovely.

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Another little phrase which caught our eye in the Skidmore news organ was this: "that most respected propaganda distributing sheet—The New York Times." Please, Misses Skidmorites, won't you let us know what you think of a few other New York newspapers? We'd really appreciate your passing on to us your thoughts about them.

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We have changed our opinion of Hitler entirely. We are absolutely convinced that he is a fine, progressive, sensible man, with a full realization of the responsibilities he carries. We just found out that German schools and universities have only one exam per student per four years. When is the next boat for Hitlerland? Heil Hitler!

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"What Price Glory?" The Charlatans are off again, or so we've heard. The only trouble is that we've heard too much, and we don't know whether or not that distinguished group, this year anyway, is going to produce or not. Last week we received a list of the members of the cast; this week, we are told that the cast has been changed, and that the play isn't going to be put on anyway. Well, the whole thing is very interesting, but we're afraid that the story hasn't much news value.

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The freshman class is proving its spunk from the latest reports. It seems that the recent class elections were nothing more or less than a nasty stew of politics. We won't mention here the name of the house who started the electioneering, which ran along the line, "If you'll vote for our man, we'll vote for yours"; but we will say that the other houses had better jump in line if they want any of their men elected. Here's a dandy thing for the Student Council to poke its newly-formed nose into.

Minor Describes Fate of Turkey

Last night Mr. Robert G. Minor of the college faculty spoke to the Stryker Club of Rome about his experiences in Turkey. His method of presentation was a contrast of the situation in Turkey in 1921 with present conditions.

Mr. Minor stated that in 1921 Turkey was in a desperately exhaused state as the result of thirteen years of continual warfare. All of her rich outlying provinces had been seized by foreign nations, her capital was held by foreign troops, and the whole country was invaded by another Balkan power. Under her president, however, Turkey once again became a united nation.

The speaker went into some detail in describing this great transformation. He stressed especially the theory and the program of the dominant political party and how it worked in practice. The leader of this party has brought about a thorough revolution in all forms of life in the country, particularly in education and industry.

Mr. Minor closed his speech by making some predictions as to the future of Turkey.

PHI BETA KAPPA—

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also of Baldwin, have all kept their attention centered on their studies. Schultz spends most of his spare time in the laboratory and Morgan delves into the mysterious classics of Greek and Latin. Richards was recently granted a scholarship for advanced study in biology by New York University.

The five men who were elected last fall include: W. Allenby Jones, Herbert S. Long, Frank W. Merritt, William G. Tice, and Robert G. Williams.

Mr. W. Discusses Magazine Profile

We had a distinguished lecturer, Maurice Hindus, on the Hill last Friday night. We also had an equally distinguished visitor, Mr. Alexander Woollcott. Following the chapel lecture, a crowd gathered in the parlor of the Chi Psi Lodge to quiz Mr. Hindus. It was not long before Mr. Woollcott made his appearance. Nobody coul have possibly mistaken that battered black hat, those protruding collar points, or the congenial face.

Mr. W. shook hands with the lecturer and spouted forth a warm "It's good to see you again." And then he seemed to lose interest in the questions about the European chaos. He quickly retired to the dining-room, straddled a chair in cowboy fashion, and started to sip from a glass of water which had been provided.

And then began one of Alex's enlightened conversations, much to the satisfaction of those who had gathered about him. Somebody asked his opinion of the series of articles about himself currently appearing in the "New Yorker". The raconteur seemed to enjoy discussing them. They had brought a great many more friends to his defense, he said, than he had ever known he possessed. "To tell the truth," he added, "I have never read the articles in their finished state, having seen them only once when they were incomplete."

From this topic, the conversation drifted to a discussion of current Broadway plays. Mr. Woollcott, the critic, seemed to be enthused over Lillian Hellman's "The Little Foxes" and equally downcast about "Abe Lincoln In Illinois." He also predicted that Walt Disney's next full-length animated picture would far surpass "Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs."

Tweedy Stresses Factor of Change

"We must move on!" was the warning given by the Rev. Prof. Henry Hallam Tweedy, D. D., of Yale Divinity School, who spoke at the morning chapel service last Sunday. Rev. Tweedy, stating that indifference is an unpardonable slackness, advised Hamilton students to find out what ought to be changed and what ought not to be changed in this era.

"Someone has set our bedsheets on fire," he asserted, "and we must get up and move. Find out first what you are, find out what you ought to be and ought not to be—know thyself."

Rev. Tweedy added that the things needing a change at the present time include the unemployment situation in this country, the international feeling of ill will, and the indifference of many people toward the Christian church.

"The church, with its wonderful historical background, needs men and women to change it—to change its creeds, hymns, and attack on the world, according to the creed of Jesus Christ."

In closing, Rev. Tweedy, outlined three important points to bring about progress: Revere the past, but revise it; respect the present, but improve it; dream for the future, and build it.

HINDUS—

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Hindus told how the people, when they heard this news, poured into streets, shouting, "Give us arms, we want to fight." They paraded up and down the streets, yelling with patriotic fervor and singing their national anthem.

Events on March 15

"Chamberlain had promised the Czechs that Hitler wouldn't take any more land other than the Sudetenland," Hindus claimed, "but on March 15 when the German army marched into Prague, Chamberlain refused to interfere, saying that he didn't regard it as an act of unprovoked aggression.

Comparing the Czechs with the Russians, Hindus said that though they both belonged to the same race, the only thing in common between them is that they cut thick slices of bread. The Czechs, he found, were quite similar to the Scots, in that they were both industrious, reliable, thrifty, stubborn, and competent.

He then went on to give a brief history of the Czechs, showing how the Hapsburgs conquered them, killing their aristocracy and intelligencia.

"No country in Europe treated their minorities as well as the Czechs did. Ruthenia even petitioned to belong to Czechoslovakia. The Czechs performed a miracle in that territory, building it up, a task which Hungary had formerly failed to do. And now," he added bitterly, "Ruthenia again belongs to Hungary."

"The Czechs gave the German minority every consideration, permitting them to have German schools, and even letting their representatives speak German in parliament, while in Italy it was even forbidden to print an epitaph on a grave in German. Yet Hitler calls Mussolini his best friend."

After the lecture a large crowd gathered at the Chi Psi Lodge to hear further discussions on the subject.

Mrs. Fitch Bequeaths Money for New Gym

The will of Mrs. Elizabeth R. Fitch, who died on April 1 at her winter home in Florida, made Hamilton College the recipient of two bequests, totaling $50,000. Of this sum $25,000 goes to the general endowment fund of the college and the other $25,000 to the gymnasium fund.

Last June Mrs. Fitch, at the age of 90, participated in the ground-breaking ceremonies for the gymnasium. The total value of her estate was $750,000. For many years she was a resident of Westmoreland, and was the sister of E. Root Fitch of the Class of '86.

Skidmore, Wells Girls Would Rather Stay Home

The Was Los dance which was scheduled to take place last weekend had to be called off on account of week-end parties at both Skidmore and Wells, which clashed with the scheduled Hamilton weekend. The authorities at both colleges were afraid that not enough girls would come to make the party a success. Was Los expects to be able to hold the dance later this spring, probably at the end of May.

HOBBY BOOKS—

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The most avid library patron is a sophomore who has thus far taken out over seven hundred volumes.

To find out how responsive students are to suggestions for reading, your reporter asked a library staff member whether anyone had asked for Thorstein Veblen's "Theory of the Leisure Class", mentioned by Mr. Hindus in his lecture Friday evening. The answer was that both copies had circulated within one hour after they had been placed in the reading room on Saturday morning.

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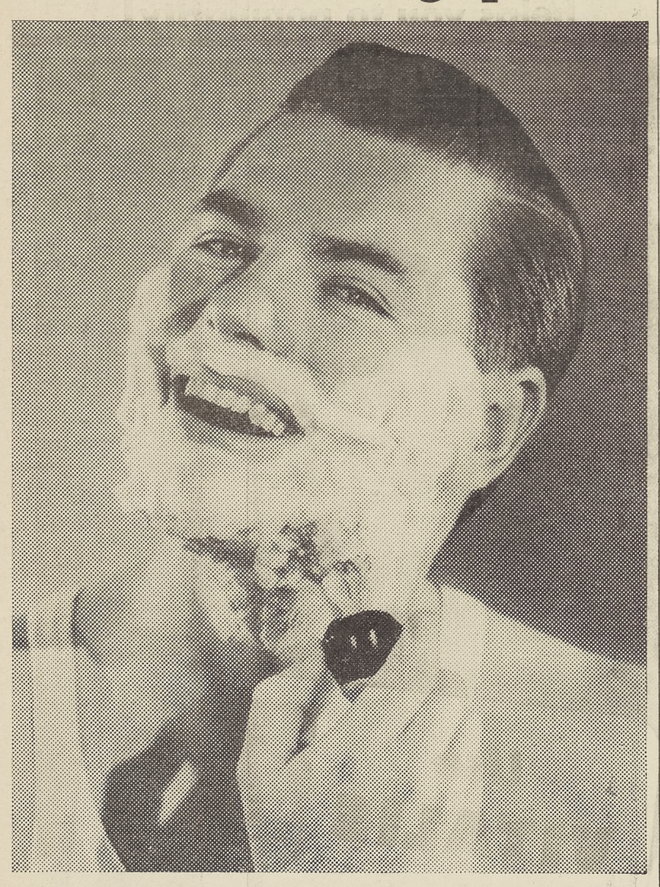

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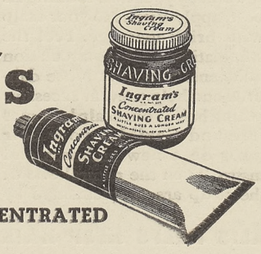

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